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flame retardant and being substantially resistant to burning; and a wick inside the candle.

24. (Amended) A self-extinguishing candle, consisting essentially of: a candle body formed of a paraffin wax; the candle body being opaque or substantially opaque,

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a wick inside the candle body for sustaining a candle flame when lit, and a flame-resistant block in contact with one end of the candle body, the flame-resistant block including at least one flame retardant and being capable of extinguishing the candle flame after the candle body is substantially consumed by the candle flame.

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31. (Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the flame retardant is tri-(2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate, ammonium phosphate, or bis(bromochloropropyl) bromochloropropyl phosphonate.

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38. (Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein the wax is paraffin wax, beeswax, animal wax, vegetable wax, mineral wax, synthetic wax, or a mixture thereof.

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40. (Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the gelling agent is a di-block copolymer, triblock copolymer, radial copolymer, star polymer, multi-block copolymer, or a mixture thereof.

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43. (Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the additive is an antioxidant, stabilizer, fragrance, colorant, insect repellant, or a mixture thereof.

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45. (Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the object is an insoluble star, glitter, sparkle, ribbon, or a combination thereof.

Please insert new claims:

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- -- 48. (New) A candle comprising:
- a first portion formed of a candle base material;
- a second portion in contact with the first portion, the second portion including at least one flame retardant and being substantially resistant to burning; and HOUSTON 246429v1 42133-00013USPT

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